Service Provider Public Sector	Name of the Circle/Service Area	No. of Basic Telephone Connections As on 30th September, 2002		
		Urban	Rural	Total
BSNL	WEST BENGAL	574255	455153	1029408
BSNL	DELHI	2117704	0	2117704
BSNL	MUMBAI	2399973	0	2399973
Private Operators				
BSNL	DELHI	19778	0	19778
BSNL	HARYANA	22097	0	22097
BSNL	MP	183094	348	183442
BSNL	KARNATAKA	12092	0	12092
BSNL	TAMILNADU	22549	0	22549
HFCL (Himachal Futurist)	PUNJAB	100803	705	101508
HUGHES	MAHARASHTRA including MUMBAI	185909	720	186629
RTPL (Reliance)	GUJARAT	0	160	160
STL (Shyam Telecom)	RAJASTHAN	44625	754	45379
TTL (Tata tele)	AP	213761	0	213761

Chargesheet to District Managers of Telecommunication Circles

†199. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Telecom managers of circles in various districts of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have been chargesheeted for having been found guilty during the last six months;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof circle-wise and district-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no stringent action has been taken so far against such corrupt officers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when action would be taken against such corrupt officers and what efforts have been made to stop corruption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Certain Telecom Managers (DEs & above level officers) of UP (East) circle have been chargesheeted during the last six months.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir, action as per departmental rules is being taken.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Action as prescribed under the rules will be taken after completing the departmental formalities.

Efforts being made to check corruption include, strengthening of inspection/monitoring at circle level, issue of instructions from time to time, close co-ordination being maintained with the investigating agencies like CBI/Police etc.

Statement

Details of Telecom Managers chargesheeted during last six months (01.08.2002 to 21.01.2003)

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer (S/Shri)	Designation	Type of Chargesheet	Nature of allegation
1.	P.D. Shukla	AGM, Circle Office, Lucknow	Major Penalty	Purchase on exhorbitant rates and exceeding financial limits while he was working as TDE, Mirzapur
2.	Arun Kumar	DGM, Varanasi	Major Penalty	Purchase on exhorbitant rates and exceeding financial limits while he was working as TDE, Gonda

Sl. No.	Name of the Officer (S/Shri)	Designation	Type of Chargesheet	Nature of allegation
3.	Ramesh Prasad	DGM Gorakhpur	Major Penalty	Irregularity in laying of U/G Cable while working as TDE, Unnao.
4.	G.C. Asthana	DE, Jaunpur	Major Penalty	Irregularity in purchase of stocked items while he was working as SDE, Jaunpur
5.	S.C. Srivastava	AGM, Circle Office, Lucknow	Major Penalty	Irregularity in local purchase while he was working as AE, Electrical, CTO, Lucknow.
6.	B.B. Singh	TDM, Mainpur	Major & Minor Penalty	Irregularities in purchase of material and exceeding financial powers.

IT scheme for rural areas

†200. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been made for providing benefits of information technology to the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to provide benefits of information technology to these people through Hindi or any other regional language, keeping in view, the fact that more than ninety percent population of the country cannot read or write English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of various schemes providing Information Technology benefits to rural areas are given in enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. Details are given in the enclosed Statement II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.